

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ice in the form of freezing rain is one of North Carolina's most common and dangerous winter weather threats because significant accumulations can bring down trees, power lines and telephone poles, causing power disruptions and a loss of communications services for days; and

WHEREAS, most deaths attributed to winter storms result from indirect dangers such as traffic accidents, falling trees, downed power lines, house fires and carbon monoxide poisoning resulting from improper indoor use of heat sources such as grills, stoves and space heaters; and

WHEREAS, the public should always monitor radio or TV broadcasts to keep up with the latest weather conditions and forecasts from the National Weather Service to prepare for winter weather before it strikes; and

WHEREAS, during the winter months, all citizens should have enough nonperishable food, water and necessary medicine on hand to last several days to avoid having to venture out into hazardous conditions, and to help sustain them in the event of widespread power outages or blocked roads from fallen trees; and

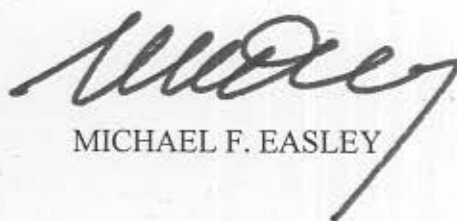
WHEREAS, motorists who absolutely must venture out in their cars during a winter storm are urged to bring a winter survival kit with them; and

WHEREAS, even in areas affected by drought, severe winter storms still occur and catch residents and businesses off guard; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the National Weather Service work together to give the public the most up-to-date and accurate weather and safety information to help citizens take the proper measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from the effects of dangerous winter storms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of November 30-December 6, 2008, as "**WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**" in North Carolina and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of winter weather safety.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Raleigh, North Carolina, on this twenty-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.